

# Delaware CEDS

*a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy  
for the State of Delaware*



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## **CEDS STATE COMMITTEE ORIENTATION SUMMARY**

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4:00–6:00 p.m.

Delaware Technical & Community College, Dover

Bernard Dworsky, the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration CEDS Project Team Leader, commenced the orientation meeting by welcoming the committee members. Mr. Dworsky provided the opportunity for each state committee member, IPA staff members, and public attendees to introduce themselves. Following introductions, Mr. Dworsky gave a brief overview of the project and generally described the roles of state and regional committees.

Julia O'Hanlon followed Mr. Dworsky with a presentation on the CEDS process. The presentation included a brief description of the major elements of a CEDS, the process of updating a CEDS, the handling of proposed projects, and sources for more information on developing a CEDS in accordance with Economic Development Agency (EDA) guidelines (see Introduction to CEDS presentation).

Following Ms. O'Hanlon, Mr. Dworsky briefly explained how the City of Wilmington CEDS would be incorporated into the statewide process. Thereafter, Bill McGowan from the University of Delaware's Cooperative Extension explained the role of the State Committee in the overall CEDS process. Following Mr. McGowan's description of the State Committee's role, Kathy Wian from the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration explained the role of the regional committees in the statewide CEDS process. Ms. Wian also described the action-item/activity-selection process as well as the specific roles of meeting players, including facilitators, recorders, general IPA staff, and committee co-chairs. Finally, she explained how public participation would be included in each meeting.

Questions from committee members mainly pertained to action-item/activity selection and project funding. The IPA project team explained that the CEDS process is a two-tiered process. The first tier involves developing a comprehensive economic development plan for the state of Delaware. The second involves gaining approval of the plan from the EDA.

Mr. Dworsky concluded the meeting by explaining that committees are not yet closed and more members may be added. In addition, Mr. Dworsky also spoke about the Delaware CEDS website, which can be found on the Delaware Economic Development Office's (DEDO) website. He explained that the IPA project team would be feeding DEDO all the necessary information to be included on the site. In turn, DEDO would be responsible for posting the information and maintaining the website.

Before the close of the meeting, Mr. Dworsky asked public attendees for questions and/or comments.